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SUBJ: MALTA RECOGNIZES PRG

1. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 11 THAT GOVERNMENT OF MALTA IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF HAD TALKS AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH VICE PRIME MINISTER OF PRG AND TWO AGREED TO ISSUE FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNIQUE: QUOTE WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND PROPLES OF MALTA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT PRC HAS BEEN PUSHING MINTOFF IN THIS DIRECTION, AND THAT ALGIERS MEETING PROVIDED CATALYST. PRESS REPORTS HAVE INDICATE RECOGNITION OF PRG WAS SUBJECT OF ONE RESOLUTION AT ALGIERS. GIVEN RECENT RECOGNITION OF SIHANOUK'S GOVERNMENT, THIS STEP BY GOM
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IS NOT ALTOGETHER SURPRISING, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MALTA'S

DIFFICULTIES IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE INTO NON-ALIGNED GROUP. MINTOFF
PROBABLY FELT HE HAD TO PROVE HIS NON-ALIGNED MANHOOD.
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